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"PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT"

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10 INVENTION: PRINTING DEVICES WHICH OPERATES WITH AT LEAST THREE BRIGHTNESS STEPS AND METHODS TO BE EXECUTED THEREWITH FOR DETERMINING PRINTING PARAMETERS

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

Amend the above-identified international application before entry into the national stage before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. §371

20 as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Enclosed is a Substitute Specification that has been amended to place the International application into form for U.S. prosecution. Also enclosed is a marked up version of the specification showing the changes made to the original